(b) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Plan programmes and schemes to introduce Science and Technology inputs at different levels of planning are under formulation. A Steering Group has been constituted for the formulation of 8th Five Year Plan in the Science and Technology Sector. Amongst various items, the Steering Group is concentrating on, to identify special programmes, mechanisms, schemes for introducing Science and Technology at different levels and in different sectors. For example. Task Forces are working on development of Science and Technology in the States, in different socio-economic sectors, for rural development, weaker sections; and for popularisation of science in general. The Steering Group is expected to submit its report early next year.

Filling up of 80 percent posts of Under Secretary from the officers of Central Secretariat service

384. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an understanding was reached in the Department Council in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms in 1984 that 80 per cent of the posts of Under Secretaries and equivalent would be filled by officers from the Central Secretariat Service;

(b) if so, what are its details;

(c) the percentage of Group A C.S.S. Officers to the total posts of Under Secretaries and equivalent in all Ministries|Departments;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have received a proposal for upgrading the posts of Desk Officers; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) About 72 per cent of the Under Secretaries posts and equivalent in the Ministries/Departments are held by officers belonging to CSS.

(d) No such proposal has been received from Ministries|Departments.

(e) Does not arise.

Cancer Hospitals in the country

385. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hospitals in the country treating cancer State-wise, and the type of facilities available therein;

(b) the number of such hospitals in the private and public sector;

(c) whether Government propose to open more such hopitals if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the treatment for cancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Facilities for treatment of cancer patients including radio-therapy are available in 95 institutions, list given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 18]. Chemotherapy facilities are generally available in all major hospitals. There are 74 Medical Colleges with Pap Smearing Units under the Post Partum Programme with cancer detection facilities list of which is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 19] Early Cancer Detection Centres have been set up in 29 institutions CXLVIII, Annexure No. list given in the Annexure (See Appendix) 20).

(b) Specific information is not available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is a scheme under which Central assistane at rate of Rs. 12.00 lakhs is given to institutions to set up cobalt therapy facilities. It is proposed to cover all the recognised Medical Colleges in the country to set up Cobalt therapy facilities in a phased manner. Central assistance is also being given at rate of Rs. 50,000 for setting up of Early Cancer Detection Centres. Under the Post Partum Programmes, Pap Smearing units with cancer detection facilities are proposed to be set up in another 32 Medical Colleges during the remaining period of the 7th Plan.

Job quota for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and physically handicapped candidates by Staff Selection Commission

386. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Staff Selection Commision has launched special programmes to attract Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and physically handicapped candidates to fill up the job quota reserved for them in various departments and

(b) if so, the details regarding the procedure adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Staff Selection Commission has taken various measures to fill vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and physically handicapped. These include pre-recruitment training of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates intending to appear in competitive examinations, special examination for Scheduled Tribes candidates to fiill reserved vacancies of Clerks and Stenographers, arranging a second typewriting test for SC/ST candidates if sufficient number of successful candidates are not available to fill the reserved vacancies after the first attempt and constitution of special Recruitment Committees for filling vacancies reserved for the blind, the deaf and the dumb.

Roster system in the CSIR

387. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is roster system in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for the promotion of the employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

(b) if so, the number of the employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes promoted under the roster system since 1985-86 to date

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, the reasons therefor and

(d) the reasons for which employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Castes are not given promotion as per the recommendations of Velluri Committee and the detail; in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. CSIR follows Government of India instructions on maintenance of rosters for recruitment to various categories of posts.

(b) 297 candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes were promoted under the roster system since 1985-86 to date.

(c) Does not arise.